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SUBJECT: 7TH SPECIAL SESSION--MORE FCO REACTIONS

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1. ECON MIN CALLED ON NORMAN STATHAM, WHO HAS REPLACED DONALD MAITLAND AS DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FCO, TO DISCUSS UK IMPRESSIONS OF 7TH UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. STATHAM SAID UK HAD NOT YET MADE A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION NOR OF THE VARIOUS U.S. PROPOSALS. CONSEQUENTLY, HE LIMITED HIMSELF TO A GENERAL, PRELIMINARY APPRAISAL. THIS WAS ONE OF CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION WITH OUTCOME, ABOUT LIKE U.S. EVALUATION IN REF B.

2. SPECIFICALLY, STATHAM NOTED GROUP OF 77 WILLINGNESS TO WIND DOWN FROM EARLIER CONFRONTATION, ADOPTING MUCH MORE SENSIBLE APPROACH, WITH FEW STRIDENT STATEMENTS.

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HE SAID THERE SEEMED TO BE A RECOGNITION ON THEIR PART

THAT CONFRONTATION HAD GOTTEN THEM NOWHERE.

3. STATHAM MADE CLEAR HE FELT RETREAT FROM CONFRONTATION NOT JUST A GROUP-OF-77 BACKOFF, BUT THAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HAD ALSO TAKEN A MORE POSITIVE AND REASONABLE VIEW. HE GAVE MAJOR CREDIT TO U.S.--TO THE HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPACT OF THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND FLEXIBLE AND SKILLFUL WORK OF THE USDEL WHICH SET STAGE FOR NEGOTIATION ON BASIS OF CRP-1. HE ALSO COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON THE UNITY AND ROLE OF THE EC.

4. STATHAM SEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN LITTLE THOUGHT TO U.S. RESERVATIONS ON THE SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION, BUT HE ASSURED US THAT LACK OF AN EC RESERVATION ON SUCH ITEMS AS INDEXATION AND THE NIEO DID NOT MEAN A SHIFT IN UK OR EC POSITION.

5. REGARDING FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE SESSION, STATHAM NOTED THAT UK HOPES VARIOUS INITIATIVES COULD NOW BE SENT TO APPROPRIATE FORA FOR ACTION, AND NOT REHASHED AS GENERAL PROPOSITION IN SUCH FORA AS THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE.

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